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LB 84 and 102

We're now ready for Agenda Item #6, Final Reading. The Sergeant at Arms will make certain that all legislators are at their desks. Clear the aisles. All nonlegislative personnel will leave. We are on Final Reading. While this is being accomplished the Chair will take this opportunity to explain to those visitors that pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Nebraska every bill must be read on Final Reading, every last word of every bill, and the legislators are compelled by that statutory provision, or the constitutional provision, to be at their desks. And this constitutes, for your information, about twenty to twenty-five percent of the time of your legislator to sit here and listen to bills being read. This is because the people of the State of Nebraska have decreed that there shall be Final Reading at this point, and that the legislators shall remain at their desks. As soon as all the members are at their desks, we will commence with LB 84 on Final Reading. If all the legislators will return to their desks as soon as possible, we are running late right now. It's going to take over an hour for Final Reading, and you're not going to even get on General File if we don't get started. I see Senator Merz returning to his desk, so we will commence, Mr. Clerk, with the reading of LB 84 on Final Reading. Commence to read.

CLERK: (Read LB 84.)

PRESIDENT: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB 84 pass? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: (Record vote may be found on Page 926 of the Legislative Journal.) 25 ayes, 16 nays, 5 excused and not voting, and 3 present and not voting, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: LB 84 passes on Final Reading. Proceed, Mr. Clerk, with the reading of LB 102 on Final Reading.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have a motion on the desk.

PRESIDENT: Read the motion.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator DeCamp moves to return LB 102 to Select File for a specific amendment. The amendment reads as follows: (Read amendment to LB 102 as found on Page 926 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, I offer the amendment because